

# **BAC**

## **SOLANO BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, April 20, 2006, 6:30 p.m.**

**STA Conference Room**

**One Harbor Center, Suite 130**

**Suisun, CA 94585**

| <b><u>NO.</u></b> | <b><u>ITEM</u></b>   | <b><u>COMMITTEE/STAFF PERSON</u></b> |
|-------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| <b>I.</b>         | <b>CALL TO ORDER - SELF INTRODUCTIONS</b><br>(6:30-6:33 p.m.)  | Glen Grant, Chair                    |
| <b>II.</b>        | <b>APPROVAL OF APRIL 20, 2006 BAC AGENDA</b><br>(6:33-6:35 p.m.)   |                                      |
| <b>III.</b>       | <b>APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2, 2006 BAC MINUTES</b><br><i><u>Recommendation:</u> Approve the February 2, 2006 BAC minutes</i><br>(6:35-6:40 p.m.)  |                                      |
| <b>IV.</b>        | <b>OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT</b><br>(6:40-6:50 p.m.)  |                                      |
| <b>V.</b>         | <b>ACTION ITEMS</b>  |                                      |
| <b>A.</b>         | <b>Solano Bicycle and Pedestrian Program (SBPP) Tier 1 and Tier 2 Priority Lists</b><br><i><u>Recommendation:</u> Adopt SBPP Tier 1 and Tier 2 priority lists.</i><br>(6:50-7:30 p.m.) | Sam Shelton                          |

**B. MTC's Routine Accommodation for Non-Motorized Travelers Policy**

Robert Guerrero

Recommendation:

- 1) Support MTC's Routine Accommodation's recommendations if they either provide flexibility or do not restrict the amount, percentage or use of potential bicycle and pedestrian project funding as stated in Recommendation Number 4.*
  - 2) Support MTC's decision to delegate 100% of the Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian funds to the CMAs.*
- (7:30-7:40 p.m.)

**VI. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. 2006 Bike to Work Week**  
(7:40-7:50 p.m.)

Anna McLaughlin

**B. State Route 12 Truck Climbing Lanes / SR12 West Bike Route Update**  
(7:50-7:55 p.m.)

Sam Shelton

**VII. ADJOURNMENT** (8:00 p.m.) – Next meeting scheduled for BAC members to attend is the Joint BAC/PAC meeting on May 11, 2006 in the STA Conference Room at One Harbor Center, Suite 130, Suisun City, CA 94585 at 6:30 p.m.



**BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of the meeting**  
**February 2, 2006**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee was called to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the Solano Transportation Authority's Conference Room.

**Present:**

|                     |                        |                          |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>BAC Members:</b> | Glen Grant, Vice Chair | Solano County BAC member |
|                     | Jim Fisk               | Dixon BAC member         |
|                     | Randy Carlson          | Fairfield BAC member     |
|                     | Michael Segala         | Suisun City BAC member   |
|                     | Mick Weninger          | Vallejo BAC member       |
|                     | Barbara Wood           | Member-at-Large          |
|                     | Larry Mork             | Rio Vista BAC member     |

**BAC Member(s)  
not present:**

|                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| J.B. Davis, Chair | Benicia BAC member   |
| Ray Posey         | Vacaville BAC member |

**Others Present:**

|                  |                                  |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Eva Laevastu     | PAC Chair                        |
| Michael Kiesling | Architecture 21 Consulting       |
| Dee Swanhuysen   | Bay Area Ridge Trail Council     |
| Paul Wiese       | Solano County                    |
| James Loomis     | City of Vacaville Public Works   |
| Nick Lozano      | City of Suisun City Public Works |
| Dan Christians   | STA                              |
| Robert Guerrero  | STA                              |
| Anna McLaughlin  | STA-SNCI                         |
| Sam Shelton      | STA                              |

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND DECEMBER 8, 2005 BAC MINUTES**

Sam Shelton ask that agenda item V.A., "2006 Solano-Yolo Bikelinks Map Update" be moved after agenda item III. "Opportunity for Public Comment." Mike Segala made a motion to approve the agenda with Mr. Shelton's request. Randy Carlson seconded the motion. The BAC unanimously approved the February 2, 2006 BAC Agenda.

On a motion by Jim Fisk, and a second from Randy Carlson, the December 8, 2005 BAC meeting minutes were unanimously approved by the BAC.

### **III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Randy Carlson informed the BAC that the Solano Community College has locked a gate across a route useful to cyclists. STA Staff was asked to look into the matter with the college.

Dee Swanhuysen informed the BAC that on March 25<sup>th</sup>, the Bay Area Ridge Trail was opening 6.4 miles of trail in Yountville.

Jim Fisk asked that Solano County clean up some gravel along the Dixon to Davis Bike Route near Farm Rd. Paul Wiese gave Mr. Fisk his number so that he could inform the Solano County road maintenance crews.

### **V. (ACTION ITEM)**

#### **A. 2006 Solano-Yolo Bikelinks Map Update**

Sam Shelton and Michael Kiesling described the changes made to the Solano-Yolo Bikelinks Map. Larry Mork asked when the Bikelinks Map would be available to the public. Mr. Shelton estimated that the map would be printed by mid-March.

On a motion by Mike Segala, and a second from Larry Mork, the BAC unanimously approved the 2006 Solano-Yolo Bikelinks Map for printing.

### **VI. INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **A. Bike to Work Week**

Anna McLaughlin updated the BAC on Solano-Napa Commuter Information's (SNCI) efforts for promoting Bike to Work Week. SNCI will be promoting a "Team Bike Challenge" and "Commuter of the Year" awards.

Larry Mork asked if Bike to Work Week was televised. Ms. McLaughlin answered that it will be in press releases throughout the Bay Area. Ms. McLaughlin stated that \$4,000 was made available from the Bay Area Bicycle Coalition per county to run Bike to Work Campaigns. This money is used for a variety of projects, including mailings, energizer stations, and prizes.

Several BAC members asked how Bike to Work Week was being publicized in schools. Ms. McLaughlin stated that she has had a hard time finding dedicated teachers to help. Randy Carlson brought up the idea of Xtreme Cycling or bicycle rodeos to further encourage kids to bike to school.

Eva Laevastu asked if major employers are notified about Bike to Work Week. Ms. McLaughlin answered that a majority of the mailings are to the largest employers in Solano County.

Ms. McLaughlin stated that she will report on SNCI's progress on the Bike to Work Campaign at the next BAC meeting.

**B. STIA Traffic Relief and Safety Plan**

Dan Christians gave a brief overview of the Solano Transportation Improvement Authority's (STIA) progress on the Traffic Relief and Safety Plan, the expenditure plan for a transportation sales tax in Solano County.

Randy Carlson expressed his doubts about a taxpayer's auditing committee. Mr. Carlson asked who would be administering the Safety Program. Mr. Christians stated that the STIA will administer the sales tax's programs.

Mike Segala stated that the STIA is doing a great job and that the sales tax plan improvements will bring more jobs to Solano County.

Mr. Carlson asked if the sales tax was going on the June ballot. Mr. Christians stated that it is expected to be on the June 6<sup>th</sup> ballot. Mr. Carlson asked if the state bond proposal would affect the sales tax being placed on the June ballot. Mr. Christians said that the proposed bond would not directly affect whether or not the sales tax measure was placed on the June ballot.

**C. Alternative Modes Funding Strategy/ Solano Bicycle Pedestrian Program (SBPP) Update**

Sam Shelton described the key points of the Alternative Modes funding strategy. Mr. Shelton further described the increased amount of funding available for the SBPP through the strategy.

**D. BAC Membership Status**

Sam Shelton stated that all BAC member positions have been nominated by their jurisdictions. All previous BAC members have been asked to represent their communities. The STA Board will be asked to reappoint them at their next meeting.

**V. ACTION ITEMS**

**B. BAC 2006 Election of Officers**

Sam Shelton asked the BAC to elect officers for 2006.

Jim Fisk and Mike Segala nominated Glen Grant to be the 2006 BAC Chair. By unanimous vote, the BAC appointed Glen Grant to be 2006 BAC Chair.

Jim Fisk and Mike Segala nominated Barbara Woods to be the 2006 BAC Vice Chair. By unanimous vote, the BAC appointed Barbara Woods to be 2006 BAC Vice Chair.

Mike Segala asked that the BAC consider asking J.B. Davis to continue representing the BAC at several committees that he attends, such as the Alternative Modes Committee and other MTC and Caltrans meetings.

**C. 2006 BAC Work Plan Update**

Sam Shelton presented the 2006 BAC Work Plan and asked the BAC to adopt the plan.

On a motion by Mike Segala and a second from Jim Fisk, the BAC adopted the 2006 BAC Work Plan Update.

**D. BAC Priority Projects**

Sam Shelton asked that the BAC adopt a countywide list of priority projects that they would like to fund.

Larry Mork asked if the City of Fairfield has decided if the rehabilitation of McGary Road is feasible. Dan Christians stated that Mike Duncan with the City of Fairfield is continuing to monitor the area after heavy rainfalls in their efforts to develop a plan to restore McGary Road as a bike route.

Dee Swanhuysen informed the BAC of the Bay Area Ridge Council's support for Fairfield's McGary Road Project and Benicia's I-780 Overcrossing project.

Mike Segala asked that the Central County Bikeway remain on the list until the project has gone to construction.

On a motion by Mike Segala, and a second by Randy Carlson, the BAC unanimously approved the staff recommendation with the amendment that the Central County Bikeway remain on the BAC's Priority projects list.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Ray Posey and a second by Mike Segala, the BAC adjourned at 7:55 pm.

**The next meeting of the STA BAC is scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.**



DATE: April 13, 2006  
TO: STA BAC  
FROM: Sam Shelton, Assistant Project Manager  
RE: Solano Bicycle and Pedestrian Program (SBPP) Tier 1 and Tier 2 Priority Lists

**Background:**

The Solano Bicycle Pedestrian Program (SBPP) helps to fund priority bicycle and pedestrian projects in countywide. The SBPP funds bicycle and pedestrian projects through three funding sources: Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article-3 funds, Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian funds through MTC's Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Program, and Eastern Solano Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds.

In December 2005, the STA Board adopted SBPP Guidelines and Criteria for the selection of SBPP Projects to be included in a 3-Year Implementation Plan. In February 2006, both the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) met to establish priority project lists from the Solano Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans they would like to see funded.

In late February 2006, the STA released a call for projects for SBPP funding. 18 projects were submitted for BAC and PAC review. At the BAC's April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting and the PAC's April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, both committees will adopt Tier 1 and Tier 2 priority lists in accordance with the SBPP Guidelines and Criteria. On May 11<sup>th</sup>, a Joint BAC-PAC meeting will be held to discuss BAC and PAC funding recommendations for the 3-year Implementation Plan.

**Discussion:**

The SBPP Guidelines define Tier 1 and Tier 2 projects as follows:

*Tier 1 – Projects in the Countywide Bicycle Plan and Countywide Pedestrian Plan deemed to be top priority based on evaluation criteria.*

*Tier 2 – The next level of priority projects listed in the Countywide Bicycle Plan and Countywide Pedestrian Plan based on evaluation criteria.*

*Based on a natural break in project criteria scores, the BAC and PAC will divide their priority projects into Tier 1 and Tier 2 categories.*

The BAC will discuss the merits of their scores and committee member submitted comments on projects to develop their SBPP BAC Tier 1 and Tier 2 Priority Project Lists. After adopting their priority lists, STA staff asked that the BAC consider funding recommendations in preparation for the May 11<sup>th</sup> Joint BAC/PAC meeting. Attachment A is a SBPP funding recommendation worksheet for BAC member use.

Below is an example Tier 1 and Tier 2 Priority List based on the BAC's average project scores and preliminary Tier 1 and Tier 2 project votes.

| Tier | Sponsor       | Project   | Average BAC Score |
|------|---------------|---|-------------------|
| 1.1  | Fairfield     | McGary Road Regional Bike Path                  | 40.13             |
| 1.2  | Vacaville     | Nob Hill Bike Path                              | 39.00             |
| 1.3  | Solano County | Vacaville-Dixon Bikeway, Phase II               | 36.38             |
| 1.4  | Solano County | Vacaville-Dixon Bikeway, Phase III              | 35.88             |
| 1.5  | Solano County | Vacaville-Dixon Bikeway, Phase I                | 35.22             |
| 1.6  | Solano County | Old Town Cordelia Improvements                  | 35.13             |
| 1.7  | Fairfield     | Linear Park (Dover Ave to Claybank Rd)          | 34.88             |
| 1.8  | Suisun City   | McCoy Creek Trail, Phase II                     | 34.63             |
| 1.9  | Vacaville     | Ulati Creek Bike Path (Ulati to Leisure Town)   | 33.38             |
| 1.10 | Suisun City   | Bike Lane Striping Along Railroad Ave, Phase II | 32.13             |
| 1.11 | Suisun City   | Bike Lane Striping Along Railroad Ave, Phase I  | 30.63             |
|      |               |   |                   |
| 2.0  | Vacaville     | Ulati Creek Bike Path (Allison to I-80)         | 33.50             |
| 2.1  | Solano County | Suisun Valley Road Bridge                       | 33.00             |
| 2.2  | Solano County | Abernathy Road Bridge                           | 30.11             |

**Recommendation:**

Adopt SBPP Tier 1 and Tier 2 priority lists.

Attachments:

- A. SBPP BAC Funding Recommendation worksheet.
- B. SBPP Project comments from BAC and PAC members.
- C. SBPP committee member score summaries (to be provided at the BAC meeting).



SBPP Funding Recommendation Worksheet

| Mode        | Mode | Vote | Tier |   | Avg Score | Priority | Sponsor       | Project   |                | Bike Funding Available |              |              |                |
|-------------|------|------|------|---|-----------|----------|---------------|---|----------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Application | Bike | Ped  | 1    | 2 |           |          |               |   | Request        | TDA                    | MTC          | ECMAQ        | Total          |
| FY 2006/07  |      |      |      |   |           |          |               |   | \$560,000.00   | \$201,333.33           | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$201,333.33   |
| Bike        | 9    | 2    | 8    | 0 | 35.22     |          | Solano County | Vacaville-Dixon Bikeway, Phase I                | \$300,000.00   |                        |              |              |                |
| Bike        | 8    | 1    | 4    | 3 | 30.63     |          | Suisun City   | Bike Lane Striping Along Railroad Ave, Phase I  | \$60,000.00    |                        |              |              |                |
| Bike        | 8    | 2    | 0    | 9 | 30.11     |          | Solano County | Abernathy Road Bridge                           | \$100,000.00   |                        |              |              |                |
| Ped         | 2    | 9    | 6    | 2 | 28.11     |          | Fairfield     | Union Avenue Corridor, Phase II                 | \$100,000.00   |                        |              |              |                |
| FY 2007/08  |      |      |      |   |           |          |               |   | \$3,510,000.00 | \$212,666.67           | \$465,333.33 | \$542,666.67 | \$1,220,666.67 |
| Bike        | 8    | 3    | 7    | 0 | 40.13     |          | Fairfield     | McGary Road Regional Bike Path                  | \$200,000.00   |                        |              |              |                |
| Both        | 7    | 7    | 6    | 1 | 39.00     |          | Vacaville     | Nob Hill Bike Path                              | \$300,000.00   |                        |              |              |                |
| Ped         | 2    | 6    | 5    | 2 | 37.75     |          | Suisun City   | Marina Blvd Sidewalk Gap Closure                | \$110,000.00   |                        |              |              |                |
| Bike        | 7    | 1    | 7    | 0 | 36.38     |          | Solano County | Vacaville-Dixon Bikeway, Phase II               | \$1,000,000.00 |                        |              |              |                |
| Ped         | 5    | 8    | 5    | 2 | 35.13     |          | Fairfield     | West Texas Street Gateway Project, Phase I & II | \$300,000.00   |                        |              |              |                |
| Ped         | 7    | 8    | 6    | 1 | 34.88     |          | Fairfield     | Linear Park (Dover Ave to Claybank Rd)          | \$400,000.00   |                        |              |              |                |
| Both        | 7    | 7    | 4    | 3 | 33.38     |          | Vacaville     | Ulatis Creek Bike Path (Ulatis to Leisure Town) | \$1,000,000.00 |                        |              |              |                |
| Bike        | 7    | 2    | 2    | 5 | 33.00     |          | Solano County | Suisun Valley Road Bridge                       | \$110,000.00   |                        |              |              |                |
| Bike        | 7    | 1    | 4    | 2 | 32.13     |          | Suisun City   | Bike Lane Striping Along Railroad Ave, Phase II | \$90,000.00    |                        |              |              |                |
| FY 2008/09  |      |      |      |   |           |          |               |   | \$4,700,000.00 | \$224,666.67           | \$465,333.33 | \$337,333.33 | \$1,027,333.33 |
| Bike        | 8    | 3    | 7    | 0 | 40.13     |          | Fairfield     | McGary Road Regional Bike Path                  | \$650,000.00   |                        |              |              |                |
| Bike        | 7    | 2    | 6    | 1 | 35.88     |          | Solano County | Vacaville-Dixon Bikeway, Phase III              | \$1,000,000.00 |                        |              |              |                |
| Both        | 6    | 7    | 6    | 1 | 35.13     |          | Solano County | Old Town Cordelia Improvements                  | \$500,000.00   |                        |              |              |                |
| Ped         | 5    | 8    | 5    | 2 | 35.13     |          | Fairfield     | West Texas Street Gateway Project, Phase I & II | \$300,000.00   |                        |              |              |                |
| Ped         | 7    | 8    | 6    | 1 | 34.88     |          | Fairfield     | Linear Park (Dover Ave to Claybank Rd)          | \$50,000.00    |                        |              |              |                |
| Both        | 8    | 8    | 4    | 3 | 34.63     |          | Suisun City   | McCoy Creek Trail, Phase II                     | \$200,000.00   |                        |              |              |                |
| Both        | 8    | 8    | 0    | 7 | 33.50     |          | Vacaville     | Ulatis Creek Bike Path (Allison to I-80)        | \$1,200,000.00 |                        |              |              |                |
| Both        | 6    | 8    | 4    | 3 | 32.13     |          | Vallejo       | Vallejo Station Pedestrian & Bicycle Links      | \$800,000.00   |                        |              |              |                |

## **Summary of BAC and PAC member project comments:**

**FY 2006/07**

### **Solano County, Abernathy Road Bridge**

“Construct shoulders and handrails suitable for a Class 2 bike route on the new Abernathy Road bridge.”

- Do not fund this project this year (Tier 2?)
- Support bridge designs today for future bike/ped use
- Is this a now or never type of project?
- Tie bridge improvements to Class II path improvements.
- Limited pedestrian value

### **Solano County, Vacaville-Dixon Bikeway, Phase I**

“Construct Phase 1 of a ten mile long continuous bikeway between Vacaville and Dixon”

- BAC should pay for bike part of the project, not the whole cost of the roadway for the cars.
- Update project cost numbers in the bike plan.
- Unsure of committee funds
- Project gives meaning to the McGary Road gap

### **Suisun City, Bike Lane Striping Along Railroad Ave, Phase I**

“This project will provide a Class II bikeway along Railroad Avenue from Marina Boulevard to Sunset Avenue.”

- Not a priority project
- Critical route to the new Crystal Middle School
- Would like to see sidewalks as part of the project
- Is there parking along the bike path side?

### **Fairfield, Union Avenue Corridor, Phase II**

“The project will improve the pedestrian environment in the Union Avenue corridor between Fairfield's Texas Street and the County Government Center and the Suisun City Capital Corridor Train Station. This phase will include additional directional signage, improved lighted crosswalks, and bicycle lockers.”

- Good safety project
- Build a bicycle bridge in the future
- Closes a “mental gap” in the route to the train station
- \$73,000 for hardscaping and landscaping
- high density housing planned in area by both cities
- connects to transit hub
- Add an additional phase for pedestrian lighting
- This “beautification project” should be a low priority

## **FY 2007/08**

### Solano County, Suisun Valley Road Bridge

“Construct shoulders and handrails suitable for a Class 2 bike route on the new Suisun Valley Road bridge.”

- Produce long-term plan for funding bike lanes on roads with improved bridges
- Support bridge designs today for future bike/ped use
- (see other bridge project comments)

### Solano County, Vacaville Dixon Bikeway, Phase 2

“Construct Phase 2 of a ten mile long continuous bikeway between Vacaville and Dixon”

- BAC should pay for bike part of the project, not the whole cost of the roadway for the cars.
- Include breakdown of bicycle pavement costs.
- Update project cost numbers in the bike plan.
- Alternative Mode route near Jepson Parkway
- (see other Vacaville-dixon bikeway comments)

### Suisun City, Bike Lane Striping Along Railroad Ave, Phase II

“This project will provide a Class II bikeway along Railroad Avenue from Marina Boulevard to Sunset Avenue. “

- The issue at hand is crossing the railroad tracks, not the bike lane striping.
- This is a primary SR2S route to the new middle school in Suisun City.
- Sidewalks?

### Vacaville, Nob Hill Bike Path

“Class I Bike Path from Linwood Street to North Orchard Avenue with Bridge over Alamo Creek to link Cheyenne Drive to Shady Glen Court (1,000 linear feet).”

- Good SR2S project.
- Comparable to linear park project and ulatis creek path

### Vacaville, Ulati Creek Bike Path (Ulati to Leisure Town)

“Class I Bike Path from Allison Drive to Leisure Town Road (7,000 linear feet).”

- Support project if transit center location is approved
- Is it possible to spread this project over two fiscal years?
- Bike lanes and shoulders are near by and are suitable alternatives to this project.
- Comparable to Linear park and nob hill path

#### Suisun City, Marina Blvd Sidewalk Gap Closure

“Eliminate a gap in sidewalk facility along the east side of Marina Boulevard between Driftwood Drive and Highway 12.”

- Good SR2S project
- Current street width does not provide a safe student route.
- Why were sidewalks not part of the development agreement? They should be paid for by developers of the new school and homes.

#### **FY 2007/08 & 08/09**

#### Fairfield, McGary Road Regional Bike Path

“Project construction will complete an all-weather bicycle path and service road between Cordelia and American Canyon Road along the McGary Road right-of-way.”

- Speed up project timetable
- So nice to have the vision come to life
- Limited use by pedestrians, especially if the road is repaired as a feeder road to Highway 80.
- Can we give it 20 points for a gap closure?

#### Fairfield, Linear Park (Dover Ave to Claybank Rd)

“Complete design, land acquisitions, and construction of a 1.1 mile segment of the Fairfield Linear Park Trail. This segment will be the "last" segment constructed by the City of Fairfield, as the City is now preparing to complete a segment between North Texas Street and Dover Avenue, and the segment east of Claybank Road will be completed as part of Villages at Fairfield project by Lewis Homes. The specific project will include design, land acquisition (near Claybank Road) and construction of a ten foot wide multi-use bicycle/pedestrian trail along the former Sacramento Northern Railroad right-of-way. The trail system will be an all-weather surface for use by bicycle commuters, recreational walkers, and students of local schools, as well as recreational bicyclists.”

- BAC funds only for pavement, not landscaping or public art

#### Fairfield, West Texas Street Gateway Project, Phase I & II

“This project will improve pedestrian safety and comfort at a key gateway to the City of Fairfield- West Texas Street at Interstate 80, as well as providing a significantly more attractive streetscape. Planned improvements will include: new sidewalks, safety improvements for pedestrian crossings, new links to the Linear Park Trail, new hardscape, landscaping, and monumentation, and new directional signage. These improvements will enhance pedestrian access in an area with significant activity centers such as the Fairfield Linear Park Trail, new high density housing, Allan Witt Park, a community shopping center, and the Fairfield Transportation Center. The funding cycle is very timely, as the City is currently initiating a planning process for the project area, funded by STA, which will develop a specific design for the planning areas. The

proposed project complement City of Fairfield improvements at the Fairfield Transportation Center (Phase II and III parking garage and transit improvements) and CALTRANS (intersection enhancements and partial construction of a sidewalk between the Linear Park Trail and the Transportation Center).”

- Does this negatively affect bicycle safety or access?
- BAC will not fund “monumentation”
- Provide access for cyclists as well as pedestrians
- Involve the BAC in the design process
- Consider reducing the request for funding to 66%

## **FY 2008/09**

### Solano County, Vacaville-Dixon Bikeway, Phase III

“Construct Phase 3 of a ten mile long continuous bikeway between Vacaville and Dixon.”

- BAC should pay for bike part of the project, not the whole cost of the roadway for the cars.
- Include breakdown of bicycle pavement costs.
- Update project cost numbers in the bike plan.

### Solano County, Old Town Cordelia Improvements

“Construct a multi-use path and add shoulders to Cordelia Road in Old Town Cordelia.”

- Good path for folks going to Solano Community College.
- Concerns about large request amount in a single year. Split project into smaller phases.
- Increasing population in area makes this a good project.
- Concerned about urban improvements in an unincorporated area.

### Suisun City, McCoy Creek Trail, Phase II

“This project will provide a segregated, paved Class I bike trail along the McCoy Creek from Pintail Drive to Railroad Avenue. This is the last phase of the McCoy Creek Trail project.”

- Confused about connection between Pintail and Central County bikeway
- How will the realignment of Railroad Ave and the new signalized intersection affect the creek trail?
- Neighborhood housing fences seem to isolate the project.
- Project has all the earmarks of a good bike/ped project.
- Concerns about leveraging more funds with SBPP money.
- How will the path cross the flood-control channel?

Vacaville, Ulatis Creek Bike Path (Allison to I-80)

"Class I Bike Path from Allison Drive to I-80 (3,000 linear feet) - Right-of-Way & Environmental."

- Support project if transit center location is approved
- Consider splitting the funding between fiscal years

Vallejo, Vallejo Station Pedestrian & Bicycle Links

"Pedestrian and bicycle enhancements to improve access to the proposed downtown Bus Transfer Facility."

- Do everything the BAC/PAC can to support the smart growth project.
- Provide access for cyclists as well as pedestrians
- Involve the BAC in the design process
- Try for 08/09 and 09/10 funds
- Potential for improving health and safety for a large number of people.



DATE: April 13, 2006  
TO: STA BAC  
FROM: Robert Guerrero, Associate Planner  
RE: MTC's Routine Accommodation for Non-Motorized Travelers Policy

**Background:**

Staff from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) completed the Draft Routine Accommodation for Bicyclists and Pedestrians in the Bay Area report with nine recommendations for the MTC Commission to consider approving in either April or May 2006. MTC developed the report during the last several months as part of the Transportation 2030 Calls to Action to address non-motorized transportation needs. The report documents federal, state and regional policies that address the need to consider non-motorized transportation projects as part of the development of all transportation project types (i.e. highways, freeways, local streets and roads improvements). It discusses inconsistencies with policies and actual current planning processes and provides case studies exemplifying these issues.

**Discussion:**

Although MTC staff began to incorporate routine accommodations considerations policies as part of the newest Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) process, the report states that Caltrans does not have any specific guidelines for non-motorized facilities for developing Project Initiation Documents (PID) and Project Study Reports (PSR). This is relevant in that PID includes the purpose and need of a project and PSR's are the basis for a project's design and construction.

Furthermore, MTC staff interviewed transportation project managers from Congestion Management Agencies, Caltrans, county, transit agencies, and local agencies. Four out of the thirty-four project managers interviewed did not consider bicycle accommodations for their projects due to a misunderstanding that there were no bicycle projects planned for the project location when in fact there were plans developed. As a result, the projects completed by the four project managers did not consider bicycle options in the final design of their projects. Therefore, MTC concluded that these examples point to a need for more comprehensive policy for including routine accommodations as part of the project development process.

With the support of MTC's Bicycle Working Group, MTC staff created nine recommendations as specified in Attachment A to encourage greater levels of routine accommodation. The recommendations were identified under three specific categories:

- Project Planning and Design
- Project Funding and Review
- Training

STA staff has reviewed the proposed recommendations provided in the report and recommends support for MTC's overall effort.

However, MTC staff is recommending that TDA Article 3, Regional Bike/Ped, and TLC funds be restricted only for improvements to existing sub-standard facilities that are not part of a roadway rehabilitation project, or in cases where the non-motorized costs exceed 15% (see recommendation #4 in Attachment A). MTC staff further recommended that the funding be restricted to not fund new non-motorized facilities that need to be built to mitigate roadway construction activities. While STA staff agrees that there is a need to further consider routine accommodations as part of project development, staff does not see the need to restrict potential bicycle and pedestrian funds to accomplish this goal. Additional restrictions on the use of these funding will only further limit the flexibility of the Solano Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) in providing recommendations for bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Therefore, STA staff does not support this specific recommendation.

This recommendation was discussed in several different committees throughout the Bay Area over the last few months. Mike Duncan, City of Fairfield Public Works Department and J.B. Davis, Benicia BAC and PAC representative have been tracking this item at the regional level and will be available to convey their thoughts from a project sponsor and a bike/ped advocate perspective, respectively.

In a separate but related issue, the Congestion Management Agency (CMA) Directors discussed MTC's Routine Accommodations report and a separate proposal by MTC to delegate 100% of the Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian funds to the CMAs at their last meeting held on February 24, 2006. Solano County currently receives a total of 75% of the Regional Bicycle/ Pedestrian funds for local programming which is approximately \$1.4 million every four years. MTC's proposal would add an additional \$465,000 of funding to Solano County's share every four years starting in FY 2009-10. The CMA Directors agreed to support this new proposal in their attached letter to MTC; however, they did not support MTC's Routine Accommodations recommendation for restricting bicycle/pedestrian funding (see Attachment B).

**Recommendation:**

Forward a recommendation the following recommendations to the STA Board:

- 1) Support MTC's Routine Accommodation's recommendations if they either provide flexibility or do not restrict the amount, percentage or use of potential bicycle and pedestrian project funding as stated in Recommendation Number 4.
- 2) Support MTC's decision to delegate 100% of the Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian funds to the CMAs.

**Attachments:**

- A. MTC's Recommendations for Routine Accommodation of Bicyclists and Pedestrian in the Bay Area
- B. Bay Area CMA Directors Letter



## Draft Understanding Routine Accommodations for Bicyclists and Pedestrians in the Bay Area Recommendations

### Project Planning and Design

1. Recommendation: Caltrans and MTC will make available routine accommodations reports, publications available on their respective websites.
2. Recommendation: Caltrans District 4 will maintain a database and share a list of ongoing Caltrans and local agency PIDs and PSRs either quarterly or semi-annually at the District 4 Bicycle Advisory Committee to promote local non-motorized involvement in projects on the state highway system.

### Funding and Review

3. Recommendation: MTC will continue to support the use of TDA funds for bicycle and pedestrian planning, with special focus on the development of new plans.
4. Recommendation: MTC's regional discretionary fund programming policies shall ensure project sponsors consider the accommodation of non-motorized travelers consistent with Caltrans' Deputy Directive 64. Projects funded all or in part with regionally discretionary-funds must include bicycle and pedestrian facilities at those locations called for in applicable plans and standards unless those facilities exceed 15% of the total project cost.
5. Recommendation: TDA Article 3, Regional Bike/Ped, and TLC funds shall be reserved for improvements to existing sub-standard facilities that are not part of a roadway rehabilitation project, or in cases where the non-motorized costs exceed 15% in #4 above. Further, TDA Article 3, Regional Bike/Ped, and TLC funds shall not be used to fund new non-motorized facilities that need to be built to mitigate roadway construction activities.
6. Recommendation: MTC will monitor how the needs of non-motorized users of the transportation system are being considered and accommodated in the design and construction of transportation projects by auditing candidate TIP projects.
7. Recommendation: Caltrans shall develop an online form to serve as a checklist review for state highway and interchange projects at system planning or project initiation phase. Caltrans shall monitor select projects based on their online forms and the proposed checklist.
8. Recommendation: Caltrans, CMAs and local agencies shall have BPACs review projects during the design stage to provide input on appropriate bicycle and/or pedestrian facilities for proposed projects. BPACs shall include members that understand the range of transportation needs of bicyclists, pedestrians and the disabled.

### Training

9. Recommendation: Caltrans and MTC will continue to host project manager and designer training sessions to staff and local agencies to promote routine accommodation Deputy Directive 64.



## Bay Area CMA Directors

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March 1, 2006

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SOLANO TRANSPORTATION  
AUTHORITY

RE: Comments on "Routine Accommodation of Bicyclists and Pedestrians in the Bay Area" Recommendations

Dear Steve:

MTC staff reviewed the results and proposed recommendations from the "Routine Accommodation of Bicyclists and Pedestrians in the Bay Area" Study at our meeting of February 24<sup>th</sup>. MTC is to be commended for developing an inventory of bike and pedestrian accommodation in the Bay Area. This should prove to be useful to MTC and the Counties.

MTC's recent draft Strategic Plan recommends there be increased delegation of the bicycle/pedestrian program to the CMA's. The study states, "While the Commission should continue to establish overall policy guidance and project selection criteria consistent with the adopted Bicycle and Pedestrian Program, it would be more efficient and cost-effective to delegate 100% of project selection to the CMA's rather than have two separate processes". The Directors agree with that concept of delegation in this area and would recommend that this be the recommended policy direction.

The current recommendations in the "Routine Accommodation Study" run counter to that concept. Draft recommendations would restrict the ability of counties and cities to implement the projects identified as key in their respective adopted bike plans rather than encourage them. Many of the recommendations from the study limit countywide flexibility in the use of TDA funding, require expenditures on projects not identified in local bike plans, recommend percentages on the allocation of sales tax expenditures counter to local ordinances, and define a prescriptive review process for local Bike Advisory Committees and project review. Therefore, these should not be included in the policy.

The CMA's are substantially engaged through comprehensive and well coordinated outreach in the development of bicycle/pedestrian programs and projects at the local level. These efforts have been very successful. There is not a need at this time for a prescriptive policy directing those efforts.

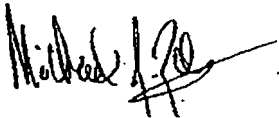


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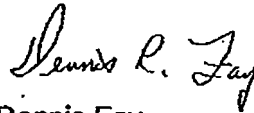
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We strongly urge you to limit the policy direction to the delegation approach consistent with the Strategic Plan and look forward to additional discussion with MTC staff and Commissioners on this issue. Please call Mike Zdon at (707) 259-8634 if we can add any additional information.

Sincerely,



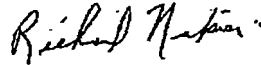
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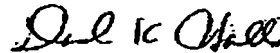
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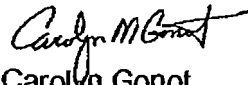
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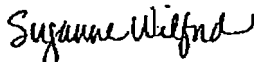
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DATE: April 17, 2006  
TO: STA BAC  
FROM: Anna McLaughlin, Program Manager/Analyst (SNCI)  
RE: 2006 Bike to Work Week

**Background:**

Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) coordinates with the regional Bike to Work (BTW) planning to implement the BTW Campaign in Solano and Napa Counties.

The Bay Area Bicycle Coalition is coordinating the regional 2006 Bike to Work Campaign. The regional Bike to Work Technical Advisory Committee (BTW TAC) began initial preparation in November 2005. Bike to Work Day is Thursday, May 18th, 2006.

**Discussion:**

**Team Bike Challenge**

As a new incentive to involve interested participants, local businesses, and community organizations, the region is launching the **"Team Bike Challenge"**. This contest serves to encourage existing bicycle commuters to recruit their colleagues, friends, neighbors, and local 'honorary' figures to bicycle to work, school, errands, or play during the month of May which is National Bike Commute Month. Participants in the Team Bike Challenge will form teams consisting of five individuals.

Teams can currently register at [www.511.org](http://www.511.org)

**2006 Bike to Work Campaign**

Campaign packets were mailed on April 17, 2006 to over 300 major employers in Solano and Napa County. Follow-up calls will be made during the week of April 24<sup>th</sup> to encourage employer participation. Additionally, Bike to School packets will be mailed to schools during the week of April 17<sup>th</sup>.

General public outreach will occur through radio advertisements in Solano and Napa and print ads in local newspapers and direct mail circulars. Staff will also be attending a number of events including Earth Day events over the next four weeks to promote Bike to Work Week.

Solano County Energizer Stations locations on Bike to Work Day:

- Fisk's Cyclery in Dixon
- Ray's Cycle in Vacaville
- Ray's Cycle in Fairfield
- Fairfield Transportation Center
- Benicia City Hall
- Rio Vista City Hall
- Carquinez Bridge Bike Path

**Recommendation:**

Informational.



DATE: April 17, 2006  
TO: STA BAC  
FROM: Sam Shelton, Assistant Project Manager  
RE: State Route 12 Truck Climbing Lanes / SR12 West Bike Route Update

**Background:**

State Route 12 from I-80 to the Solano County line currently has 1.2 meter (4 foot) shoulders (which often vary from zero to four feet). There are 1.8 meter (6 foot) shoulders from the Solano/Napa County line to SR29.

The Solano County Bicycle Plan describes State Route 12 West (Cordelia to Napa Project) as a “primary route that will provide access for bicycles in and around the I-80/I-680/SR 12 interchange and will enhance a western route from Solano to Napa County.” The plan describes two project alternatives:

- Alternative A is a Class I path along the California Northern Railway and/or utility right-of-way into Napa County.
- Alternative B would provide bike shoulders for a Class III path.

The Napa Countywide Bicycle Plan calls for a Class I path from SR29 to the Solano/Napa County line, which would connect with the Solano County Bicycle Plan’s Alternative A Class I bike path.

**Discussion:**

BAC members and meeting attendees have raised concerns regarding the fate of the existing Class I path along the north side of I-80 to Red Top Road. Concerns have also been raised about how eastbound SR12 cyclists will cross SR12 to reach the Class I path at Red Top Road. Part of these concerns have to do with other projects in the area, such as the North Connector Project and the I-80/I-680/SR12 Interchange Project.

Caltrans proposes to construct a truck climbing lane on westbound Route 12 (Jameson Canyon Road) from postmile markers 1.5 to 2.79 (nearly half the length of SR12 West from I-80). This \$10,617,000 project is programmed in the 2006 State Highway Operations Protection Program (SHOPP) in fiscal year 2007/08.

The new truck climbing lane will bring the shoulders on the westbound side of SR12 up to Caltrans standards of 2.4 meters (nearly 8 feet) and 3.0 meters (nearly 10 feet) at retaining wall locations. The existing 1.0 meter to 1.2 meter shoulders on the eastbound lanes will remain the same. The entrance to the existing Class I path along the north side of I-80 to Red Top Road will be improved to accommodate the additional truck climbing lane and shoulders.

Caltrans considers SR12 as a Class III bike path and will add Class III bike route signage as part of the project.

**Recommendation:**

Informational.